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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
JUN HIRABAYASHI ET AL.) : Examiner: Akwasi Sarpong
Application No.: 10/826,315) : Group Art Unit: 2625
Filed: April 19, 2004) : Confirmation No.: 9825
For: EXPOSURE DECIDING METHOD) : December 10, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the cited non-English documents are also attached.

The concise statement of relevance of non-English document JPA 2002-361930 may be found in the English abstract attached thereto.

Also, the concise statement of relevance of non-English document JPA 4-168065 may be found in the English abstract attached thereto, and in English-language counterpart U.S. Pat. No. 5,327,258.

The cited non-English documents were brought to the Applicants' attention in the attached foreign Official Communication, issued in a Japanese counterpart to the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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